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James McMorie

Beth.

To his worshipfull his Lordship Justice of the Peace for Somerset County in Court
sitting, the humble Petition of James McMorie sheweth that whereas your Petitioner hath
abst of and living on Broad Creek in this County Called Bachelor Invention begg your
wol:ys to appoint and Commissione men to take what Evidence may be produced relating to the bound
ers thereof and to make returnes as the Law in such Case directt and your Petitioner as in duty bound shall
pray &c.

The Petition above being read and heard and fully understood, Wherefore it is
ordered by the Justices here that a Commission issue to John Goldwell Senr. John Goldwell Junr. Cleaver
Hardy and Thomas Humphrys of Somerset County Gent., and that they execute same Commission according
to Law &c

Levin Layton & Levin Layton son of John Layton aged six Years next Christmas next is bound
bound to by the Court unto Sarah Howchen until he arrives at the age of Twenty one Year
Sarah Howchen the said Levin Layton to serve his said Mistris the full term of time and in all such
lawfree Service as she should employ him in or about the full term of time and the same

In consideration of which servitude the aforesaid Sarah Howchen undertakes to teach the said Levin
Layton the trade of a weaver and to read in the Bible during his servitude, and likewise find and
provide for her said apprentice sufficient meat drink washing Lodging and Clothing mete for such
a servant to have and wear during his servitude at and &c

Whereupon it is ordered by the Court that the aforesaid Sarah Howchen give Security to satisfy
with the Covenants aforesaid &c

Thereupon the said Sarah Howchen with Dolie Hewett Nutter her servid
Gold Present here in Court in their proper persons acknowledged themselves to owe and stand due
indebted unto the said Levin Layton in the sum off fifteen pounds Sterling Good and Lawfull money
of England of their goods and Chattels Land and tenements Dignity and Estate to be made and
Levied for the use of the said Levin Layton his heirs or assigns if demand be made in the Condition
hereunder written. The Condition of the above Recouerance is such that if the above bound
Sarah Howchen do and shall well and faithfully teach the said Levin Layton the trade of a weaver
and to read in the Bible with sufficient meat drink washing Lodging and Clothing mete for such
an apprentice to have and wear during his servitude then the above Recouerance to be void &
of no effect otherwise &c -

A former negro Girl of David Colk is adjudged by the Court to be of the age of Ten Years
Upon the Motion of follo: Levin Layton on behalf of Captain William Waters for to have
his Negro Woman free &c Wherefore it is considered that the Negro Woman called
~~Adjudged by the Court~~ be free for the future &c